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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #8: Status Report on Service/Sphere Reviews for

Remaining West Valley Local Agencies

The Commission has now completed service reviews and sphere of influence updates in compliance with Government Code Sections 56430 and 56425 for but three local agencies in the West Valley area (defined as the area westerly of the City of Fontana to the county boundaries). This is simply a brief status report on the progress of completing the reviews for the last three agencies:

Inland Empire West Resource Conservation District:

By taking action to initiate service and sphere of influence studies for the east valley agencies, as is recommended in the January 15th agenda, the Commission will undertake reviews of the East Valley Resource Conservation District and the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District.

Staff suggests that it would make sense to undertake the Inland Empire West RCD review in connection with reviews of the other two east valley area RCD's. This would allow the Commission to consider valley-wide resources available for RCD programs in the valley portion of San Bernardino County, and to consider whether any potential for consolidation of those programs is feasible or appropriate. Staff expects that the East Valley service/sphere reviews will commence within the next month or two, and will advise the Commission of specific schedules as the necessary information is developed.

Central Valley Fire Protection District:

The Central Valley Fire Protection District overlays the City of Fontana and other unincorporated areas in the mid-valley area, and it is a part of the County's Consolidated Fire Protection Department.

The County is currently in the process of undertaking a county-wide review of fire protection services and long-range funding options that might be available. Central Valley Fire Protection District is one key element of that review, so it makes sense to defer the Commission's service/sphere study of the District until the larger review can be presented. Staff will continue to meet with County Fire Protection personnel and will advise the Commission when Central Valley's study can be completed.

West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District:

This district overlays much of the west valley area, including most of the City of Ontario, and portions of the Chino and Montclair spheres of influence. The district also provides services through contract with the City of Ontario (in areas where the district does not overlay), the City of Rancho Cucamonga, and the City of Upland.

District staff is currently in discussions with the various city staffs to determine whether the district should propose annexation of Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, the balance of Ontario, and perhaps other areas. This would significantly expand financial resources for district programs, and provide for expanded representation on the district board.

At this point, however, there is no specific timetable for completion of the boundary discussions, but it makes sense to defer the Commission's service/sphere review until more is known on whether the specific cities in question will support expansion of the district.

Staff will keep the Commission apprised of any progress in those discussions, and schedule this district for review as soon as possible.

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